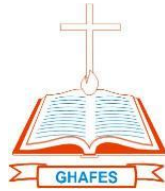


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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GHANA FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS – 13th JUNE,2010.

INTRODUCTION

Members of the Executive Council, Partners, Associates, Staff, Students and Friends, once again it is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to this year's Annual General Meeting of the Ghana Fellowship of Evangelical Students. This meeting is the first after I have been chairman for a full year. Thank you for accepting last year's AGM without minutes because of technological reasons beyond our human control.

The Executive Council

The Executive Council seeks to lead the Fellowship in the desired direction of the Aims and Objectives of the Fellowship. Though this has not been easy we believe that with our Father's enabling grace, we are on course. My report will capture the IFES Living stones vision's firm foundations namely:

- **Governance**
- **Organizational Development**
- **Global Partnership**
- **Human Resources and Pastoral care**
- **Research and Innovation**

Governance

Recognizing that strong growth needs firm foundations GHAFES continues to be governed at the Executive Council level by dedicated Members. During the period under review Membership of the Council changed slightly. As at the last AGM three (3) honourable Members moved on. Four new Council Members are to be considered and added to Council in this AGM.

1. **Rev Martin Obeng.** BSc.(Hons)and MPhil-Mechanical Engineering; MTh-Theological studies,Wheaton; MPhil-Old Testament Studies and one time Snr Training Secretary of GHAFES from 1989-1998 but now a Lecturer at Trinity Theological Seminary and a Presbyterian Minister). He is married to Veronica and has 3 children.
2. **Ing. Julius K. Kpekpena.** BSc(Electrical/electronic Engineering)-KNUST, MSc (Energy)- Norway, Dip Th (Theology) Trinity Theological Seminary-Legon. He was Assistant Secretary to IHCF. He has been working with The Electricity of Ghana since 1992 and now the Director of Engineering. He fellowships with Lighthouse Chapel International-Tema. He is married to Enyonam and they have a son.
3. **Mr. Ernest Buanya-Mensah**-a level 400 Biological Science Student of University of Cape Coast. He was elected into office at the last SNEC Congress and duly inducted into office. As a SNEC Member, he was the President of GHAFES-UCC. He is the new SNEC Chairman so by ARTICLE VII (1e) bof the GHAFES Constitution, he becomes a Member of the Executive Council.
4. **Ms. Matilda Boateng**- a level 300 Business Management student of the University of Cape Coast. She is also the Women's Organizer of GHAFES-UCC. She has been appointed by the

Chairman and his fellowship to be the SNEC Secretary-ARTICLE IX (3) of the GHAFES Constitution. By same, the ARTICLE VII (1f), she becomes a Member of Council.

The Staff

For the work of the Ministry to proceed as planned, there is no doubt about the fact that we need staff Members who are committed to working among students to help them know Christ so that they will in turn make Him Known. The General Secretary, the Training Secretaries and the Office Staff continue to apply themselves to achieving these aims.

Over the period Mr. Isaac Mensah Newton has become the substantive Training Secretary for Accra Zone and Mr. Isaac Boakye Frempong is now the Finance and Administrative Officer. All other staff Members remain in their respective responsibilities.

Organizational Development

An Administrative Review Committee has been set up to review the administrative and organizational structure while working at branding the Ministry as well. Work is in progress and we will soon be appointing a new person to head the Finance and Administrative Desk.

In 2001, GHAFES embarked on a Ministry review which we will call today, Strategic Plan. An Implementation Task Force was set up to ensure the various stages of development were adhered to. It could not follow through. We just concluded a SWOT analysis in order to ascertain the relevance of the document. The Implementation Task Force was just reviewed based on the findings and they are into action now. A Monitoring and Evaluation team is almost in place to ensure that this is sustained.

As part of the drive of branding the Ministry and putting the organization on the competitive map, the staff just went through a day's intensive training on Building a Performance Oriented organization.

As we promised last year, The Building Project Committee and Fundraising Committee are now fully functioning. Following this, a staff has been employed to manage the fundraising desk.

Global Partnership

In the spirit of partnership, we continue to receive sister movements across the subregion and beyond. Over the period we received two Burkinabes, two Ivorians, a Togolese, A Liberian and a Madagascan who resides in Benin. The Regional Secretary of IFES-EPISA visited Ghana and had time with the Members of the Executive Council. The General Secretary was in Malaysia and Nigeria for a General Secretary's Conference and consultation respectively.

Human Resources and Pastoral Care

The Staff and Executive Council retreat took place during the period. At the retreat, Council Members and staff sought the face of God together about His direction for the Ministry. Some of the topics treated were "Managing Transition/ Strategic Direction of GHAFES in a Changing World", "The Role of

the Council in the Ministry of GHAFES”, “Strategic Planning Session and Strategic Prayer for the Ministry of GHAFES”,

The ministry of GHAFES has been resourcing the Churches and para-Church ministries in the area of expository preaching. Since 2005, we have successfully run **National Expository Preaching Seminar (NEPS)** to the completion point last year. Last year, we did a Trainer of Trainers for NEPS successfully. This is to let this flame burn in the regions. We want to appreciate the Planning Committee and the former General Secretary. The theme has always been “rightly divide the word of truth”. We also doff our cap for Langham preaching who have been the major sponsors and resource persons.

Research and Innovation

During the period, not much has been done in this area because we do not have full complement of Staff. However, Rev. Emmanuel Ahlijah has concluded his MA dissertation on “Theological Reflection on GHAFES’ Short Term Rural Missions – Student-In-Church-Evangelism (SICE)”. This we believe will be a good resource for us. He was able to unearth some historical background of GHAFES and made some recommendation for our SICE orientation programme.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to say we have greater challenges ahead owing to the growing nature of the Fellowship and particularly, challenges facing the next generation. All the same I would also like to say there are better days ahead as we trust the Lord even more and draw closer to Him.

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Know Christ and make him Known